

MEMORANDUM FOR THE JOINT CHIEFS OF STAFF

Subject: Supplemental Situation Report Number 24 as of
032100Z November 1962. Operation SCABBARDS

1. Intelligence

a. International reaction

(1) Military reaction

(U) No change since Situation Report 23 (031300Z)

(2) Political and press reaction

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b. Indications

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(2) (S) DIA reports that reconnaissance photos show a large quantity of missile and construction equipment and material on a dock at Mariel Naval Port. Three freighters were tied alongside, one apparently being loaded.

2. Operations

a. (TS) Operational developments

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b. (S) Status of CINCLANT-CINCONAD Forces

No significant changes. CINCNORAD reports all deployments complete as of 031200Z. CINCLANT troop movements continue as planned.

c. (TS) Status of SIOP Forces as of 032100Z

(1) Total Force Generated:

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(2) Airborne Alert 63

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DOD DIR 5200.10

3. Logistics

(U) No logistics deficiencies reported.

4. Other Developments

(U) The return of the body of Major Anderson (SITREP 12-62) has been delayed 24 hours because of the inability of the Cubans to have the body ready for shipment. Brigadier Rikhye, military advisor to the UN Secretary General, departed New York on Eastern Airlines Flight 603, to receive the body at Havana from the Swiss Ambassador to Cuba. The body should now arrive Andrews Air Force Base late 4 November.

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